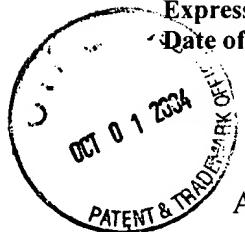


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO APRIL 1, 2004 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the April 1, 2004 Final Office Action. Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) are also submitted herewith. With this extension, these documents are due on or before October 1, 2004. Applicants believe no additional fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19904-008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.